

## House Resolution No. 4661

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

**Whereas**, fifty years ago Bob VanStavern took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Mary Adkins, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which took place on November 6, 1954, in Lebanon, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, five decades later Bob and Mary VanStavern of Lebanon observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on November 6, 2004, at the Heritage Baptist Gymnasium; and

**Whereas**, the marriage of Bob and Mary VanStavern has been richly blessed down through the years with the love and affection of their three beloved children, Elizabeth Ann Keel, Debora Louise Johnson, and Robbie Raneé Marley; four grandchildren, Carrie Blankenship, Brandon Ruble, John Marley, and Carissa Marley; and two great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Bob VanStavern has worked for more than fifty years in the field of real estate development and has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation for his volunteer efforts as a pilot who flies needy and sick patients to hospitals and as a member of Shriners and Heritage Baptist Temple; and

**Whereas**, Bob and Mary VanStavern share an interest in real estate investment, attracting new businesses to town, establishing scholarships for Columbia College students, and supporting their church's youth groups, for whom they have constructed a gymnasium; and

**Whereas**, Mary VanStavern enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, loves to travel, and visit other countries; and

**Whereas**, Bob and Mary VanStavern used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Bob and Mary VanStavern and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bob and Mary VanStavern of Lebanon, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Randy Angst  
District No. 146

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4661, adopted December 15, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker